

A¹ asleep, the "V-chip" circuitry 102 does not analyze the program signal SP, allowing adults to watch any program without intrusion from the "V-chip" circuitry 102.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend Figs. 3 and 5 as shown in the attached marked-up drawing sheets.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

A² 7. (Once Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein [the] a block control signal is generated if the received [content-based] rating exceeds the selected [content-based] rating.

9. (Once Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein [the] a block control signal is generated if the received [content-based] subject matter category matches the selected [content-based] subject matter category.

A³ 10. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the control signal is a block control signal, and further comprising impairing the program signal in response to the block control signal.

11. (Once Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the program signal is blocked in response to the block control signal.

A⁴ 19. (Once Amended) A recordable medium for a consumer electronics device comprising:
a computer program comprising steps for:
[receiving a program signal suitable for conversion by a consumer electronics device into user discernible information;]

receiving a content-based indicator indicative of the content of [the] user discernible information into which a program signal received by the consumer electronics device is converted;

receiving timing information indicative of a reference time;

selecting a content-based specification;

selecting a finite time range specification associated with the selected content-based specification;

comparing the selected content-based specification with the received content-based indicator when the reference time falls within the finite time range specification; and

generating a control signal based on the comparison between the selected content-based specification and the received content-based indicator.

21. (Once Amended) The recordable medium of claim 20, wherein the control signal is generated if the received [content-based] rating exceeds the selected [content-based] rating.

23. (Once Amended) The recordable medium of claim 22, wherein the control signal is generated if the received [content-based] subject matter category matches the selected [content-based] subject matter category.

25. (Once Amended) A consumer electronics device having "V-chip" circuitry for supervising personal exposure to user discernible information, comprising:

non-volatile memory configured for receiving a content-based specification and a finite time range specification;

a logic unit coupled to the non-volatile memory and being configured for comparing a content-based indicator with the content-based specification when a reference time falls within the finite time range specification, the logic unit being further configured for generating a control signal in response to the comparison between the content-based indicator and the content-based specification;

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a signal impairment mechanism coupled to the logic unit and configured for, based on the control signal, selectively passing a program signal therethrough without substantial impairment or [passing] impairing the program signal [therethrough with substantial impairment].

Please add the following new claims 32-34:

32. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the content-based specification and the finite time range specification are selected by a user of the consumer electronics device by inputting the content-based specification and finite time range specification into the consumer electronics device.

33. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the content-based specification and the finite time range specification are selected by a user of the consumer electronics device by selecting a content-based specification and finite time range specification pre-programmed by the manufacturer of the consumer electronics device.

34. (New) The consumer electronics device of claim 25, wherein the non-volatile memory comprises a content-based specification and a finite time range specification pre-programmed by the manufacturer of the consumer electronics device, and further comprising a data entry system for selecting the pre-programmed content-based specification and finite time range specification.
